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"THERE'S LUCK IN ODD NUMBERS"

"BORN to fail, a name without an echo"—Newbolt's line, quoted by one of those whose vision made possible the first News Letter, seemed, at times, a fitting epitaph for the magazine. The fact that the magazine was not to fail must be credited to the steadfast goodwill of President Moody, the vigorous interest of President Wilds, the excellent work of the committee headed by George E. Shaw, '10, and the generous financial support readily accorded the publication by the Board of Trustees in their action of November thirteenth.

However unlucky the symbolic "13" may be in the estimation of our modern Pythagoreans, to those who believe in the value of an alumni magazine to Middlebury, the date will surely have a happy significance; for it represents not a mere gesture of friendly interest, but the hand-clasp that to all concerned is actual encouragement.

So for three years, anyway, and it is hoped for the long years to be, Middlebury men and women are to have a magazine all their own whose pages will serve as a common bond linking them to the college, its officers, the student body, and to each other, in whose pages there shall be renewal of old friendships and old interests, the awakening of fading memories and the creation of new.

"The Awakening of Fading Memories and The Creation of New"

As a result of the action of the Trustees on November thirteenth, Middlebury is no longer the last of the recognized colleges of the East without an alumni publication.

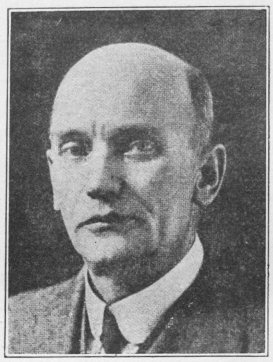
CAMPUS PROS AND CONS

"SAY it with flowers—a good idea," said the clerk (or so the story goes). "How about a dozen of these roses?" "No," said the gentleman-about-to-buy reflectively, "a half dozen. I don't want to say too much." * * * There is much to say about the busy Middlebury days that have come since the opening of college, but we don't want to say too much—or the wrong thing—as we may. However, here goes. * * * "You will be able to think for yourself if college has been of any value to you," said President Moody in his fine annual address to the student body. Those of us looking back on "Midd" days will agree that he is right, and some of us may wish—but "wishing of all employments is the worst," said Young, and maybe he is right. * * * The Honorable Redfield Proctor has established two annual Dutton Fellowships, for a period of five years, for the purpose of enabling two graduates to pursue advanced studies in the United States, England, or France. Mr. Charles Swift, our trustee, has offered a George Sedgwick Swift prize of five hundred dollars for an essay on the subject, "The World Does Not Owe One a Living." We used to go on that theory, but not for very long. * * * 330 men plus 289 women equals 619, the enrollment at the beginning of college—a goodly number. * * * Here are the names appearing in the Entertainment and Concert Series: Percy Grainger, Burton Holmes, Roy Chapman Andrews, Charles Stratton, Frank Swinnerton, Walter Mills, Sigmund Spaeth. An impressive program—and to the credit of those in charge of the Series. (*see page 12*)

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

By CHARLES BAKER WRIGHT

Professor Emeritus of Rhetoric and English Literature



AS regards forlornness, that "little lost pup with his tail tucked in" has nothing on some of us; a regular contributor with nothing to fill up his page is a better symbol, it seems to me, of utter desolation. Ministers, I make bold to say, have no monopoly of periods of depression, and in the revolving cycle of the months July is the college man's "blue Monday": the work of the year is over; the mental reservoir has been drained; and the slow refilling process has not begun. There is much he would like to talk about, much that he hopes he may some day share with his readers, but not now —not now.

The time, though, may be opportune for a clearing of the decks, and first of all I would give my thanks to the unknown deviser of the running head, "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"—what a stage on which to play one's part! I am even more profoundly impressed by the freedom given me when I look across to the opposite page and see its narrower scope. "Faculty Round Table Discussions" is a sadly circumscribed theme. The men who meet at that table are companions well worth the having, but think of being restricted to recording what they say! To be confined, as my colleague is, to that pent-up Utica, while I, as Carlyle would put it, can "shoot at will from the Fire-Creation of the World to its Fire-Consummation"—that, I fear, is going to be hard on the nerves of the good Doctor. No wonder he paces to and fro like a leopard in a cage. Already, as he mows his lawn, I can see upon his mobile face a weary, troubled look. It may come, of course, from unwonted physical effort, but the chances are he is chafing at his NEWS LETTER limitations, and thinking how pleasant it would be could he roam, like me, at will. I am glad, by the way, that he and I have been given adjoining pages; the more ways I have had him for neighbor the happier life has proved, and who knows what stimulus may come—to the enriching of this page, at least—from our new propinquity?

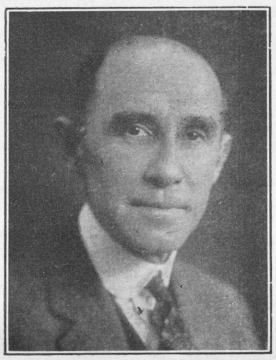
Another point is so personal, I hesitate to obtrude it, yet I feel that I shall not be content till I say to all who read it what I have said in substance to a few of them here and there. It was Gray—was it not?—of whom some one says that of all the poets no other ever went down to fame with so small a volume under his arm. I am sure that, in similar fashion, no teacher was ever given the priceless regard of his students with fewer qualifications to warrant the bestowal. There are scores of letters in my desk, one would give a lifetime of labor to feel that he merited; and now the generous tribute of Miss Bates, by the very charm of its phrasing, might easily crystalize an unwarranted tradition. For I am not a scholar in any high sense of the word,—it seems absurd that I should say so solemnly an undisputed thing,—nor am I a great teacher; I am simply one who has brought to his work a love of beauty in letters and a great desire to share that beauty with others. Believe me, dear friends, I am not in the least deceived. Your very over-statements make the situation clear: you have put into the lantern the lenses of your love, and the portrait thrown upon the screen is idealized out of all semblance to the original. You show me the man I ought to be, the man I wish I were, and not the man I am. You need have no fear, therefore, of my growing unduly proud; rather I shall walk more softly all my days because of this unmerited affection. Surely you owe me nothing that has not been a thousand times repaid. My Middlebury investment of forty years ago has yielded large and increasing returns from the very day I made it, and it has never passed a dividend. The years as they have come and gone have brought their full reward, and so all your gracious giving is purely overplus.

But my page is full. How quickly one can fill it when one has nothing to say.

Charles B. Wright

Faculty Round Table Discussions

By WILLIAM SARGENT BURRAGE, PH.D.
Professor of the Greek Language and Literature



THE thing seemed incredible. An unbroken, and apparently unbreakable, tradition averred that it never rained on Middlebury Commencement. A bit hot and sultry, perhaps, but always blue skies and bright sunshine. Yet here it was, undeniably, Commencement morning with leaden skies and drenching, driving rain!

And then, the cruelty of it all! The one day in all the year when the Faculty is permitted to gratify its vanity by parading through town decked out in scarlet, purple and orange. The humiliation of hiding all that finery under slickers and slushing along in a toad-stool-like array of bobbing umbrellas was not to be endured. So the Faculty tucked their gowns under their arms, and got themselves ingloriously down to the historic church as best they could. There they donned their regalia, but the fun was out of it, and they settled themselves in their platform chairs with a more than commonly patent air of weary resignation.

The graduating class was more heroic. Headed by the college band (nobody has yet calculated how many quarts of water had to be emptied from the bass tuba along the route), the Class of 1926 bravely trudged through the downpour, attended by the seven members of the class that was holding its fiftieth reunion. It takes more than a cloud burst to dilute the Spirits of '76!

We speak of the seriousness of youth. This is never more humorously evident than on the occasion known as Commencement. Those stiff, black-robed figures, row behind row, exhibited an unearthly solemnity. Not the ghost of a smile, nor gleam of amusement, could be detected. All evidences of feeling—one is tempted to say, of intelligence—had been wiped from their faces. When they filed across the platform and received their diplomas, they moved with a precision worthy of soulless automata. Somebody should write a treatise on the dehumanising potency of academic ritual.

The address of the day was made by Sir Arthur Currie, Vice-Chancellor of McGill University. There is a solidity and obvious competence about Sir Arthur that causes his auditors to settle back comfortably in their chairs, in happy assurance that he will never flounder about in pursuit of an idea, nor be at a loss for a word. His manner and utterance suggest those qualities of stability and permanence which, in the writer's optimistic youth, used to be ascribed to the British Empire.

And yet, though the address was admirable, and much better done than the average student could do it, the writer found himself sighing for one of those passionate and optimistic, even though crude and naïve messages which we used to get from the lips of members of the graduating class. After all, it is to youth we must look for novelty and inspiration. Middle age mostly mumbles platitude. Not so many years ago, an inspired young student orator, on this very platform held the undivided and breathless attention of his classmates from the beginning to the end of his speech, and when, in his peroration, he reached out his arms in eloquent appeal, the very souls of his classmates seemed to rise to meet him, and one who listened comprehended for the first time the meaning of human fellowship.

And then, too, a Commencement audience is largely a family affair, and fathers and mothers are much more interested in what their boys and girls have to say than in any words of wisdom dropped from on high. Our present custom may be more dignified and time-saving, but one wishes we might return to the simpler and more vital method. Why not sample the home product on Commencement Day, instead of simply tapping alien sources?

Other time-saving devices adopted this Commencement seem of doubtful value. The stolid, semaphore-like extension of the diploma, coupled with the equally stolid gesture of acceptance probably saved a few seconds that would otherwise have been consumed in bowing and smiling, but were those seconds worth so saving? And the new fashion

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PRESIDENT BRAINERD PORTRAIT

A NOTABLE feature of the 1926 Commencement was the presentation of an oil portrait of President Ezra Brainerd, the gift of his children to the college. The brief, but beautiful and impressive, exercises were at 4:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, June 13th in the Old Chapel. The unveiling of the portrait by Fanny and Ethel Brainerd, daughters of Ezra Brainerd, Jr., of Muskogee, Oklahoma, was a charming feature of the occasion. The words of presentation were spoken by Mrs. Viola Brainerd Baird, of Berkeley California, of the Class of '98, and the acceptance in behalf of the college was by Doctor James L. Barton of the Class of '81. President Moody presided at the exercises and made a closing prayer.

The portrait has been hung on the south wall of the Old Chapel, above the tablet commemorating Silas Wright of the Class of 1815.

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI MEETING

THE meeting of the Associated Alumni opened at 10:00 A.M. Saturday, June 12, in the Old Chapel, Judge Thomas H. Noonan presiding. Following a brief address by President Moody, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was accepted. The report of the Necrological Committee giving the roll of members who had died during the past year was read by the Secretary. It was voted to forward resolutions to the families of the deceased as was done last year.

Prof. Arthur W. Peach reported for the Committee on Publication. He brought up two questions: (1) Whether or not the Association would accept and adopt the NEWS LETTER as the official publication, (2) Whether or not such publication could be financed by the present Alumni body?Following this report, the NEWS LETTER in its general design was approved and adopted as the official organ of the Associated Alumni. It was moved and passed that the incoming president appoint a committee on publication for the coming year.

The result of the Alumni elections was reported by the Secretary as follows: For National President, Percival Wilds; for Alumni Trustee from Region 3, Thomas H. Noonan; for president of New Haven District, Wilmot T. Fiske; Albany District, Elmer G. Bridgham; New York City District, Gilbert T. Roberts.

Wayne C. Bosworth was elected as Alumni Representative on the Campus Board and Prof. D. L. Robinson as Chairman of the Necrological Committee. Following a discussion of ways and means as to methods of financing the NEWS LETTER, it was decided to leave it in the hands of the Committee. Meeting adjourned.

ALUMNAE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AT the annual meeting of the Middlebury College Alumnae Association last June, the proposed amendments to the constitution were passed. One of these provides for the election of three alumnae to serve on the Advisory Committee. This Committee is composed of nine members—three from the Board of Trustees, three alumnae, and three members chosen by the six. The Dean of Women is also a member ex-officio.

The purpose of the Committee is to confer on matters concerning the Women's College and to make suggestions and recommendations to the Trustees. As a result of a ballot taken this fall the alumnae elected the following members: Gertrude E. Cornish '01, House in the Pines, Norton, Mass., Chairman; Margaret French '11, Monticello Seminary, Godfrey, Ill.; and Edith H. Tallmadge '21, 328A Hudson Ave., Albany, N. Y.

FACULTY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

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of reading off the entire list of candidates at one burst, instead of announcing each candidate's name as he receives his degree, may save time, but is hardly complimentary to the literacy of the audience.

At the dinner, which was unusually well attended and also uncommonly toothsome, Sir Arthur Currie deepened and even bettered the impression he had made in the morning. Mr. Twitchell, Chairman of the Financial Committee, made a neat little impromptu speech. Bishop Booth's incisive words were as clean cut as is his own classical profile. Mr. Whitman, the well-known philanthropist and industrial chief, charmed his hearers in quaint, Nestorian vein. But the speech that outdid them all was made by a woman, Mrs. Marguerite Wilkinson, whose words were weighty and sensible besides being gracious and graceful.

W. S. Burrage

ALUMNI COUNCIL ORGANIZATION

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PERCIVAL WILDS, '02 2 Rector St., New York City
Term: 1 year

DISTRICT PRESIDENTS

Region I.

Middlebury Dist.: HOMER L. SKEELS, Ludlow, Vt.
Boston " FRANKLIN A. HEBARD, Boston, Mass.
Springfield " RUSSELL P. DALE, Longmeadow, Mass.
Term: 1 year

Region II

New Haven Dist.: WILMOT T. FISKE, Bridgeport, Conn.
Albany " ELMER G. BRIDGHAM, Pittsfield, Mass.
New York City " GILBERT W. ROBERTS, New York City
Term: 3 years

Region III

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EDGAR J. WILEY.....Middlebury, Vt.
Term: 1 year

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Region II (1 yr.) CARL A. MEAD, New York City
Region III (3 yrs.) THOMAS H. NOONAN, Buffalo, N. Y.

CLASS MEMBERS OF COUNCIL—1926-1927

'71 F. B. DENIO
'89 L. W. AUSTIN
'90 E. B. CLIFT
'91 E. C. BRYANT
'92 B. D. COLBY
'93 E. R. BROWN
'94 S. S. EDDY
'95 G. S. WRIGHT
'96 C. W. MERRILL
'97 L. A. BROWN
'98 J. A. PECK
'99 R. L. THOMPSON
'00 S. B. BOTSFORD
'01 J. E. PARKER
'02 G. W. ROBERTS
'03 D. L. ROBINSON
'04 L. F. HOVEY, JR.
'05 S. H. LANE
'06 J. M. RICKER
'07 C. M. WALCH
'08 W. R. Wheeler
'09 A. W. PEACH
'10 R. F. HUNT
'11 J. M. AVERY
'12 E. T. TRACY
'13 D. S. ATWOOD
'14 H. J. VAIL
'15 J. G. ANDERSON
'16 P. H. CONDIT
'17 E. T. HORSFORD
'18 R. D. DAKE
'19 H. W. WATSON
'20 D. H. MOREAU
'21 S. P. DAVIS
'22 W. R. COLE
'23 E. S. KALIN
'24 R. A. BRAINERD
'25 H. HAPP

COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

COMMENCEMENT REUNIONS

G. W. ROBERTS, '02, *Chairman* E. T. TRACY, '12
B. D. COLBY, '92 E. T. HORSFORD, '17
L. A. BROWN, '97 W. R. COLE, '22
C. M. WALCH, '07

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UNDERGRADUATE ACTIVITIES

H. L. SKEELS, *Chairman* S. S. EDDY
J. A. PECK R. A. BRAINERD

ALUMNI PUBLICATION (SPECIAL)

ALLEN H. NELSON, *Chairman* H. D. LEACH
A. W. PEACH T. H. ORMSBEE
GEORGE SHAW

PUBLICITY AND PREPARATORY SCHOOLS

T. H. ORMSBEE, *Chairman* S. P. DAVIS
A. W. PEACH R. E. DAKE

MEMBERSHIP ASSOCIATED ALUMNI

L. F. HOVEY, JR., *Chairman* F. A. HEBARD
S. H. Lane

ATHLETICS

J. H. VAIL, *Chairman* S. J. BOTSFORD
C. S. JONES PROF. P. N. SWETT

NECROLOGICAL (SPECIAL)

D. L. ROBINSON

MIDDLEBURY ALUMNAE MEETING

THE annual meeting of the Middlebury College Alumnae Association was held the twelfth of June in the social hall at Pearsons. It is hoped that the increase in attendance at this meeting is an added indication of increasing interest in the Association.

After the reports of the various officers had been read, the amendments to the constitution, as given in the letter sent to the alumnae this spring, were discussed and passed. It was then possible to empower the incoming president to appoint a nominating committee to make recommendations to the alumnae for their three representatives on the Advisory Committee. The ballot is to be taken by mail in the near future. The Trustees have already chosen their representatives and they await our elections.

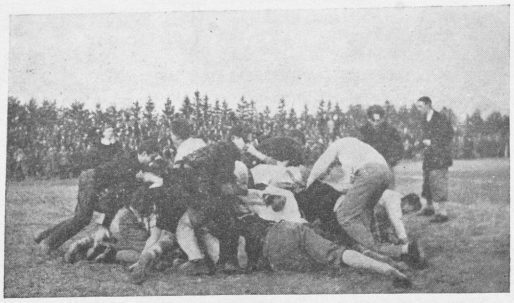
The matter of the NEWS LETTER was brought before the meeting. Hearty approval of the undertaking was expressed. Three alumnae were nominated to coöperate with a like number of alumni in promoting the publication:—Marjory W. Upson '15, Nellie I. Button '01, E. Louise Smeallie '16.

The nominating committee presented its report and the following officers were elected:

President, Grace M. Ellis '12
Vice-president, Dorothy Douglas '22
Secretary-Treasurer, Mary N. Bowles '17

Following the business meeting, Dean Eleanor S. Ross spoke about the bright prospects for the coming year. She also answered questions of the alumnae as to various conditions—scholastic and otherwise—in the College.

M. N. B.



"Cap" Wiley wishes to have it understood that this is a picture of the Annual Hat Scrap—Not the Band Reunion!

UNIVERSITY CLUB OF BOSTON TO ASSIST YOUNG GRADUATES

THE University Club of Boston, Mass., has established a Department of Education and Vocation and announces the purposes of the Department as follows:

(1) To create a wide range of informative sources regarding occupational opportunities.
(2) To place and replace graduates.
(3) To offer a counselling service to recent graduates on their vocational problems.
(4) To assist, where requested, in arranging vocational conference at the colleges.
(5) To collaborate, with similar agencies, and with college placement bureaus in securing information, which shall be accurate and current, regarding the character of requirements for successful participation in business and industry.

In cases where direct placements are made by the Department, a small fee will be charged. The major portion of the expenses for maintaining the Department, however, will be borne by patrons of the work.

For full information, address Stanley C. Lary, Director, Department of Education and Vocation, The University Club, Boston, Mass.

The Department of Education and Vocation has organized a College Council made up of representatives from each of the New England Colleges. Dean E. J. Wiley represents Middlebury on the College Council.

RECOGNITION FOR THE SCHOLARLY ATHLETE

A SILVER cup has been presented to the College by Dean Burt A. Hazeltine and Coach Marshall M. Klevenow with the suggestion that the name of the student who during each college year best combines ability in athletics with excellence in scholarship shall be placed on the cup as a permanent record. In announcing the receipt of the gift President Moody stated that a scholarship would be given by the College to the winner of the cup.

BAND REUNION GREAT SUCCESS!

IT was a real treat to everyone present at Commencement to see and hear the splendid band composed of the present college band augmented by former bandsmen who returned for the occasion. This enlarged organization under the direction of the College Bandmaster, J. F. Lechnyr performed nobly at the Norwich ball game, and later at a well-attended concert on the campus.

Following are those among the Alumni who participated:

Cornets

J. L. LOVEJOY, '08; E. J. WILEY, '13; H. R. DOWNEY, '26; R. W. SCOTT, '26; C. H. SLOAT, '29; T. C. CRAMER, '29.

Clarinets

L. S. RICCIO, '29; N. H. BAKER, '29; L. F. CLARK, '28.

Flute

R. H. MARK, '29

Piccolo

E. P. CRANE, '27

Saxophones

F. L. AGNE, '29; R. S. MERRIAM Ex. '17

Altos

F. L. FISH, '16; F. H. CARPENTIER, '20; A. S. YEAW, '28; R. N. TOMLINSON, '29.

Baritones

H. S. HASSELTINE (former leader); J. N. PERRIN, '26.

Trombones

B. S. STEWART Ex-'11; R. D. HOPE Ex-'11; H. P. KAMMERER, '29.

Basses

W. M. MINKLER; F. A. IVES, '27; C. P. YOUNG, '29.

Drums

R. E. FULLER, '28; A. E. NEWCOMB, JR., '29; W. G. COLE, '29.

Drum Major

R. G. GOULD, '28

WILLIAM H. PORTER MOURNED

WILLIAM HENRY PORTER, of New York, banker, financier of international prominence, philanthropist, and a native of Middlebury, died suddenly in Brooklyn Tuesday, November 30.

Mr. Porter was a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and was recognized as one of the country's most able bankers.

William H. Porter was born in Middlebury, January 3, 1871, the son of William Trowbridge and Martha Elizabeth (Samson) Porter. He was educated in the local High School and Saratoga academy. Though not a graduate of Middlebury College he was one of its most loyal friends. In 1911 he received the honorary degree of LL.D. from Middlebury and was made a member of the board of trustees.

Among his gifts to Middlebury were Porter field, the college athletic grounds; and Porter Hospital, the memorial in brick and marble which was given to the college for the use of the students and the people of the community.

THE HARRINGTONS IN CALIFORNIA

LAST year V. C. Harrington, '91, Professor of Philosophy in the College, had sabbatical leave, and he and his wife, Elizabeth Bowles Harrington, '02, spent most of the year in California, particularly soaking up information and ideas at the University of California and at Stanford University. They went to the Pacific Coast by way of New Orleans. They literally blew out of New York harbor on the 10th of October last fall. The ship passed along the Florida Coast without stopping, and just far enough off shore to save its passengers from being bitten by the real-estate bug. After several days in the very interesting city of New Orleans, Prof. and Mrs. Harrington journeyed westward on the Gulf Coast and Santa Fe Lines, stopping off at the Grand Canyon—that almost unbelievable marvel of Nature.

In California, they stayed first for some five weeks in San Diego and vicinity; then came up to Los Angeles for Thanksgiving; then to Taft in the oil fields to visit Mr. and Mrs. John G. Howes. Mr. Howes was for two years, 1921-23, Assistant Professor of History in Middlebury and is now Head of the Junior College in Taft. Honorable mention should also be made of the Howes twins who were fifteen months old at the time of this visit. The Harringtons then went again to Los Angeles for a further stay, then up the San Joaquin Valley, stopping at Stockton to visit the College of the Pacific in which Dr. Allen M. Kline was a professor when it was located at San José; it is now on its new campus on the edge of Stockton, with a complete outfit of new buildings. Then on to Biggs in the rice-growing region of the Sacramento Valley. Here Mrs. Harrington's mother lives on a rice-ranch and with her the holiday season was spent.

In January the Harringtons moved to Berkeley, and then after three months or more to Palo Alto. Their stay in Palo Alto was interrupted by a week's trip to the Yosemite Valley. They found much interest and inspiration in the opportunities afforded by the two great universities—California and Stanford.

The first week in June, they had a very enjoyable visit in Palo Alto from the Howes who came north on their way to Berkeley where Mr. Howes was to study during the Summer Session at the University. Soon after that, the Harringtons traveled north through Portland and Seattle to Vancouver, and

Dr. and Mrs. Harrington in Burlingame with S. H. Holden and his sons.

presently eastward on the Canadian Pacific, stopping off at Lake Louise and Banff; then slanting down on the "Soo" Line to Minneapolis and then to Duluth; and then with friends from there through the Great Lakes to Detroit, then to Toronto, and on steamer down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, and so to Middlebury in time for the Bread Loaf Summer School.

All the way, from home around to home again, graduates and other friends of the College were encountered who showed always the finest spirit of cordiality and loyalty. There are a good many of them in California. For example, in San Diego Rollin R. Crane, '24, was with them often and took them out on a Sunday afternoon to his father's ranch at El Cajon. At Berkeley, the Brainerds made a great rallying center of friendly interest, *i.e.*, Mrs. Elizabeth Brainerd Plehn (wife of Dr. Carl C. Plehn, head of the department of Economics in the University—Dr. Plehn taught in Middlebury College 1892-93), Mrs. Viola Brainerd Baird, '98, and Miss Alice B. Brainerd, '04, who is engaged especially in dramatic work there; also at Berkeley, Miss Suzanne E. Throop who was from 1913-15 Dean of Women at Middlebury; also Merrill L. Jenkins, '15, who, after teaching in Seattle and other points in the West, was last year a graduate student in the University of California. At other points around the Bay, Russel M. Sanford, '21, who has been teaching ever since his graduation in Oakland; Mrs. Irene Henry Payne, '06, of Piedmont and Mrs. Mabel Wales Holden, '09, of Burlingame. Several very good reunions of members of the group were had—sometimes in San Francisco, sometimes at Berkeley or Piedmont,—especially in the latter part of the winter after Prof. and Mrs. Charles B. Wright arrived from Honolulu.

"THE WIND IN THE SAILS"

ON the four winds rumors have come to us of a new awakening among our alumni and alumnæ —an awakening to the possibilities of what can be accomplished in the way of profit and enjoyment among ourselves and service to the College. Most of us till the crack o' doom will know just one college to whom our thoughts go as Alma Mater; and out of our busy days, no matter in what harbors of effort, there should be time to think on those things that made the name "Middlebury" dear to us—time out of the swift and crowded years to give to the building of associations to each other and to the College that will yield rich dividends as long as our years last.

In President Wilds of the Associated Alumni and in President Ellis of the Alumnæ, we have chosen leaders under whom we may seek to make the awakening on the way come into full being. In the office of Alumni Secretary, we have Dean E. J. Wiley, gifted and able, tried by years of experience in a position calling for the very qualities an alumni secretary should possess.

The News Letter is pledged to the service of the graduate body. It will carry in later issues all the alumni and alumnæ news it can secure, news of the meetings of various Associations, their programs and plans; its pages will be open to all who have ideas that will serve the cause.

Not in a day nor in a tomorrow can the full values of a wide and thorough joining of hands in common fellowship and with a common purpose be realized, but no labor is lost that aims at such a goal.

The harbor we seek may be distant, but the wind is in the sails!

RETIRING PRESIDENT NOONAN

MUCH CREDIT is due Retiring President, Thomas H. Noonan for the accomplishments of his most successful administration. His devotion to the Association and college welfare, his inspiring personal friendliness, his rare ability to draw forth the best effort of his associates are outstanding qualities that laid the foundation stones upon which the superstructure of a yet more useful Alumni Body is to be built.

College authorities have enjoyed the coöperation of Judge Noonan and his continued efforts are counted upon in the further development of our stronger alumni associations.

PRESIDENT PERCIVAL WILDS

THE Alumni Association is fortunate indeed to have as its new President so able and energetic a leader as Percival Wilds. As an Alumnus and Trustee of the College his knowledge of affairs is broad and accurate. As one of New York City's most prominent lawyers his business experience and ability to accomplish great things will mean much to the Association. As a man, he is influential, popular and capable of making friends and making great dreams come true!

A CREED FOR EVERY ALUMNUS AND ALUMNA

I BELIEVE that the greatest asset a college can have is a loyal, well-organized, enthusiastic body.

I believe that the Alumni of Middlebury College are loyal.

I believe that the Alumni of Middlebury College can be well-organized.

I believe that when the Alumni of Middlebury College are well-organized they will become enthusiastic.

I believe that Middlebury College is doing important work in a field where she is much needed.

I believe that this field is constantly widening.

I believe that to effectively continue to do the work in this widening field, Middlebury College needs now more than ever such an alumni body.

I believe that it is the duty of those of us to whom the task has been given to use our best efforts to perfect the organization of the Alumni body.

I believe that if we can bring it home to each alumnus that the College needs his interest and sympathy, his criticisms and suggestions, we will have gone far along the road toward our goal.

I believe that Middlebury College owes the duty to its alumni (which it has not always fulfilled) of keeping in close touch with them and keeping them in close touch with each other.

I believe that once an alumnus will overcome the inertia and lack of interest, which has developed largely because the College in the past has made so little effort to keep alive the flame of enthusiasm which blazed so brightly in us all in undergraduate days, he will himself find that he derives nearly as much benefit as the college.

PERCIVAL WILDS

The Middlebury College

NEWS LETTER

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Editors for this Issue
EDGAR J. WILEY ARTHUR W. PEACH
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OUR "NEWS LETTER"

IN designing the News Letter, no other alumni magazine was imitated. It was felt that the magazine should be planned from fresh angles, that it should be distinctly Middlebury's, that it should suggest in format and make-up something of the sturdy grace, the substantial simplicity we associate with Middlebury, carrying also a suggestion of the Middlebury reverence in these confused and changing days for the fine, old traditions born of the spirit of men and women who could "do little tasks in the light of great principles," whose vision was not of a day but of many to-morrows.

A few hints were taken from the vigorous old colonial newspaper *The Pennsylvania Gazette*, published first in 1729 and living to the green age of ninety-two years. The type is a special face in keeping with the general idea of the magazine.

Editorially, the idea was to move away as far as possible from "journalese," to record if possible the more permanent elements of college and alumni interests, and at the same time to keep the human touch. Much more, of course, is entered in the editorial policy, but that policy must be judged by what it accomplishes, not by what it plans to do.

In any event, it is comforting to realize that from cover to cover, in design and in matter, the News Letter has been prepared with as high sincerity as those in charge of it possess. It has meant hours of thought, hours of solving what seemed for a time problems beyond solution, hours of plain, unadulterated labor tinctured with the acid of anxiety—but it has been a labor of love.

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
December 17, 1926.

To the Alumni:

Before me on the desk as I write, is a copy of the Bowdoin College bulletin entitled, "A Report on the Needs of the College." It is done by a committee of the alumni and is supplemented by a similar bulletin by the faculty, and another by a committee of students. It does not compare with the report of the committee of students. This raises the question in my mind as to how much the alumni of any college are actually in possession of an understanding of the problems which from time to time arise in the college to which they owe allegiance.

It is the duty, we believe, of the college to keep its alumni as fully posted as possible on the various developments within the college. They, in one sense of the word, are the college. They are the finished products of the college. Their suggestions, if based upon an intelligent understanding of the needs of the college, can be of more value than those of anyone else.

We welcome most heartily the opportunity to say this word in The Alumni News Letter because we hope that through this there may be an interchange of opinions concerning what Middlebury most needs and how these needs can be most effectively met.

The question of the curriculum is an ever present and ever pressing one. It is one of the questions which can never be completely answered by reason of the fact that conditions in the world about us are changing at all times, and the curriculum itself must always be open to alterations. Here, as in many other aspects, the advice and coöperation of the alumni is most cordially sought. The Trustees of the College welcome the election to the Board of alumni representatives, and this furnishes one vehicle for getting before the administration of the College the view points of its graduates.

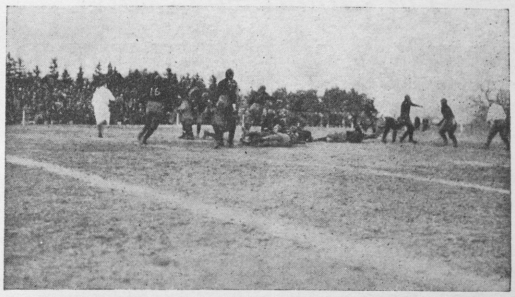
But quite apart from this, there is need for constant contact between the college and its graduates, that everything being done in the college may be reported to the alumni and their reactions to it noted and considered. It is our purpose in these brief words to extend this invitation to all those who have been students of Middlebury in the past.

Cordially yours,
PAUL D. MOODY.

THE 1926 FOOTBALL SEASON

PROF. A. M. BROWN
Director of Athletics

STARTING the football season with a squad of 35 candidates only 4 of whom had made their letter, prospects for developing a strong team to represent Middlebury on the gridiron last fall looked rather discouraging. However, Coach Klevenow and his men went to work with enthusiasm and began drilling on fundamentals with the idea of gaining a knowledge of the rudiments of the game so essential to successful team play.



"March, March on Down the Field"

The initial game against Wesleyan University was played at Middletown, Conn., on September 25th. The day was unusually hot and both teams suffered as a result. Middlebury made 11 first downs to Wesleyan's 5, outplaying them for three quarters of the game but eventually losing by a 7 to 0 score. In the early part of the game Clayton Jones, right end and one of the four letter men on the squad pulled a tendon, and his services were lost for the rest of the season.

In the second game played against Williams at Williamstown, October 2nd, the team was clearly off form and was defeated 32 to 0. The men failed to play together; they lacked drive and the tackling was poor. Apparently they had not recovered from the severe strain of the preceding week. Several of the first string men were on the sidelines with injuries, and Coach Klevenow tried out a number of different combinations, none of which seemed to work.

The first home game was played on Porter Field, October 9th, with the strong University of Maine team, state champions for the last two years, as visitors. The boys from the Pine Tree state presented a smooth running and versatile attack and succeeded in rolling up a score of 32 to 0. The game, however, was far more closely contested than the score would indicate. Middlebury played together much better than in the Williams game of the week before and at times showed flashes of real football that augured well for future games.

Boston University was met the following week at Tuft's Oval in Medford, and the game ended with a 7 to 6 victory for Captain Wiley's men. Both on offense and defense the Middlebury team played "heads up" football. With the score 6 to 0 against them, near the end of the game Middlebury unloosed a beautiful aërial attack completely bewildering the Terrier Defense and succeeded in scoring a touchdown on a neatly executed forward pass from Gollnick to Whittemore. "Bo" Willis clinched the game by kicking the goal.

In the first state series game at Northfield, October 23rd, the Black Panther put up a stubborn battle against one of the strongest teams ever turned out by the cadets. Norwich won the game 14 to 0 but only after a most grilling and stubbornly fought contest.

The Fort Ethan Allen team journeyed to Middlebury October 30th and returned home with a 61 to 0 score against them. Coach Klevenow allowed his regulars to remain in only long enough to run up 27 points and then called upon the substitutes to play the major role and complete the scoring. The game proved to be valuable in rounding out Middlebury's offensive play and in developing a driving attack. Mike Furbush, Captain elect, who had been laid up all the season with an injured shoulder played the entire game and was a tower of strength both offensively and defensively.

Following this game the team was given several days lay off before beginning the final drive for the big home-coming game with U.V.M. Vermont came to Middlebury November 13th with plenty of confidence and favored to win on account of their better showing against Norwich. Middlebury, however, had been coming along gradually each Saturday and proved to be the "dark horse". From the very outset Coach Klevenow's men demonstrated their superiority and proceeded to outfight, outgeneral and outplay their old rivals. The score, Middlebury 13, Vermont 0, was a fair indication of the relative strength of the two teams. As custom-

ary in all Vermont-Middlebury games a big crowd of spectators witnessed the game, grandstand and bleachers were filled and people stood on all sides of the field. The Vermont and Middlebury bands were kept busy all the afternoon and student and alumni enthusiasm ran high. This was indeed a gala day. Middlebury had defeated Vermont in cross country, 30 to 25, in the morning and in the afternoon the biggest game of the year was chalked up as a victory. The bonfire and dance in the evening completed what might be termed a perfect day and one which neither students nor alumni will soon forget.

The football season closed the following week with a tie game against the strong Providence College team, each team scoring 13 points. Both teams showed exceptional offensive strength. Providence scored two touchdowns and kicked one goal early in the game, but Middlebury came back with a fighting spirit that could not be denied, scoring a touchdown in the second period and another in the third on an intercepted pass and a 54-yard run by "Hal" Whittemore. The goal was missed by inches.

All in all, the season may be regarded as considerable of a success. Starting most inauspiciously with a green team, every Saturday showed improvement and the men developed a fighting spirit and a knowledge and technique of play which looks very favorable for another Fall.

Instead of four letter men being available for next September there will be twelve: Captain elect, "Mike" Furbush, R.T., Palmer, R.E., Jones, R.E., Bedell, R.G., Allen, L.G., Webber, C., Whittemore, L.E., Gollnick, Q.B., Hinman, R.H.B., Willis, L.H.B., Ransom, F.B., Hendrix, F.B. With these men as a nucleous combined with the members of team B and several promising freshmen, the college is looking forward to a most successful season next year.

A great deal of credit is due Coach Klevenow for the excellent manner in which he brought the team along from week to week throughout the past season and to Captain Wiley for his hard consistent playing and fine qualities as a captain.

HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Dec. 18—Hamilton at Clinton.
Jan. 14—Amherst at Amherst.
Feb. 2—Vermont at Burlington.
Feb. 4—M. A. C. at Middlebury.
Feb. 9—Vermont at Middlebury.
Feb. 12—Pending.
Feb. 16—Williams at Williamstown.
Feb. 19—R. P. I. at Troy.
Feb. 21—Union at Schenectady.

MIDDLEBURY VARSITY SCHEDULES

THE 1927 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:—

October	1	Williams	*at*	Williamstown
"	8	M.A.C.	*at*	Middlebury
"	15	Tufts	*at*	Medford
"	22	Pending	*at*	Middlebury
"	29	Hamilton	*at*	Clinton
November	5	Norwich	*at*	Middlebury
"	12	Vermont	*at*	Burlington
"	19	Providence	*at*	Providence

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

1926-1927

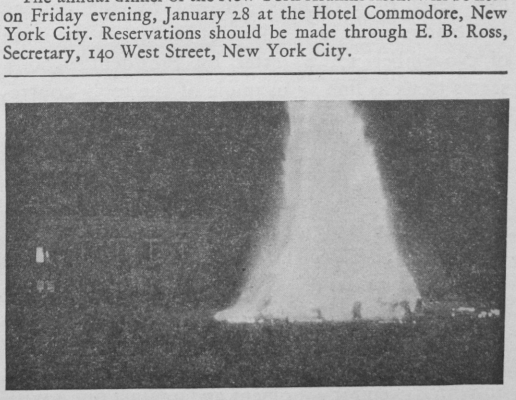
Dec. 17.	St. Stephen's	There
Dec. 18.	Upsala	There
Dec. 20.	St. John's	There
Dec. 21.	Brooklyn Law	There
Jan. 8.	St. Michael's	Here
Jan. 11.	Wesleyan	There
Jan. 12.	Trinity	There
Jan. 13.	Providence	There
Feb. 5.	Norwich	Rutland
Feb. 9.	U. V. M.	Here
Feb. 12.	St. Michael's	There
Feb. 15.	Norwich	There
Feb. 16.	U. of N. H.	There
Feb. 22.	St. Stephen's	Here
Feb. 26.	Springfield	Here
Feb. 28.	U. V. M.	There
Mar. 2.	M. A. C.	Here

ALUMNI NOTES

'83—Rev. Claude Milton Severance who spent many years as a teacher in Japanese schools and colleges is now pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in Spotswood, N. J., and has edited and published "The Reformed Messenger" for the past two years. He writes that he is conservative enough to believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ and in the truths He uttered; that he has confidence in President Coolidge and supports the 18th Amendment.

N. Y. DINNER JAN. 28.

The annual dinner of the New York Alumni Assn. will be held on Friday evening, January 28 at the Hotel Commodore, New York City. Reservations should be made through E. B. Ross, Secretary, 140 West Street, New York City.



A Real Bonfire to Celebrate Real Victory!

CAMPUS PROS AND CONS

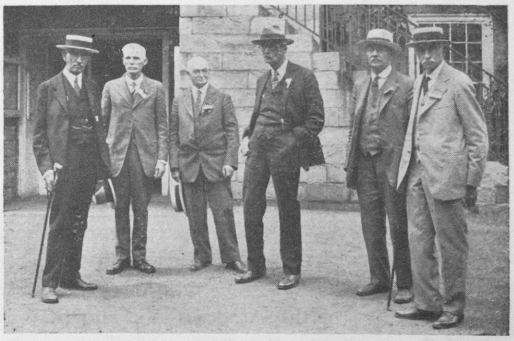
FOR the second semester of the last year the scholastic rating of the different fraternities and the neutral body was in this order:

Men—Sigma Phi Epsilon 78.57; Delta Sigma, 78.01; Delta Upsilon 77.23; Neutrals, 76.94; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 76.60; Alpha Sigma Phi, 76.02; Chi Psi, 76.01; Beta Kappa, 75.29; Kappa Delta Rho, 74.92.

Women—Phi Mu, 81.64; Delta Delta Delta, 81.55; Alpha Xi Delta, 81.47; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 81.45; Sigma Kappa, 80.60; Pi Beta Phi, 80.25; Neutrals, 79.70.

Where was the "frat" in your day and which way did you help it to go? * * * Dean Haseltine and Coach Klevenow have presented a cup to the college to be awarded to the student who best combines athletic ability with excellence in scholarship. We once heard a beloved "Midd" professor commend a college debating team for their success in winning from an opponent that had won in football—"Well, if you can't beat them with your heels, you can with your heads." Nowadays, the idea seems to be to beat "them" with both. * * * The Women's Athletic Association is offering a W. A. A. pin as a form of recognition in athletics. The white sweater with the blue English "M" is also offered. * * * In the Campus of November 3, an editorial headed "Why Not Sleep?" implied that the question of compulsory daily attendance at chapel was not likely to be changed, but it argued for better preaching at chapel services, stating that out of one hundred and ten sermons heard, perhaps a dozen were of real appeal to the college mind, and charging this situation to the low level of preachers engaged by the college authorities because of a lack of funds. In the issue of November 17, a letter by President Moody seems to us as fine an example of the reply courteous and decisive as we have ever seen—the type of letter that with an impersonal, serene, frank, and finished touch gives the quietus to contentions without leaving irritation behind the bodkin. This sentence is significant: "It happens that the Sunday fee at Yale, Harvard, and Princeton is the same as is paid here." * * * For one, we are grateful for those old chapel services of the college days gone by. It is worthwhile now as it was then to have a pause in the day's occupations—a pause in which even for a moment and against one's will, perhaps, a man may sense some values that are not of a day but forever. Then, too, if you can't make a horse drink at the trough—and the longer his ears, the more difficult the task—he can be made to look at it anyway, so he'll know where it is the next time. * * * After all, do we attach enough value to life's seemingly inconsequential moments? Out of those chapel hours drift some of our cherished memories—the sort of memories, brief and fragile, that like rose petals, symbols of vanished beauty if anything is, keep fragrant the rose jar of memory. * * * Speaking of surprises, "Midd's" defeat of Vermont in football was one. Many a veteran follower of football advised us—some at length—that Vermont would win; and we had nothing to say—until after the game, when we talked—somewhat at length. . . . On the "All-Vermont" team guessed at by the *Burlington Free Press* Middlebury placed two men, Vermont three, and Norwich six. * * * The subject for debate in the trials for the college debating team was "Resolved, that the Volstead Act should remain in force." If only one debate would settle that question for good and all! * * * We were approaching a curve last summer in the rattling good flivver we humbly own and apologetically drive when a sign loomed at the curve; under a realistic skull and cross-bones the legend was—"You're Next—Smith's—Undertakers." Obediently, we put on the brakes—to discover just around the curve another sign which read—"Missed You That Time—We Also Sell Furniture—Smith's." Those who had a vision of an alumni magazine close at heart certainly saw the undertaker's sign back a bit, but they, we are glad to say, are around the corner. And so are we.

D. J.



1876—Willard R. Cray, Thomas E. Boyce, Edward Dana, Horace L. James, Edward H. Baxter, Edwin H. Eastman,

BASKETBALL NOW IN SPOTLIGHT

BASKETBALL practice opened officially November 29th with the arrival of Coach Hargreaves. For three weeks previous a squad of men had been working out in McCullough Gymnasium under the direction of Captain Hasseltine.

About twenty men answered the first call for candidates and were put through some strenuous sessions in preparation for the opening trip during the Xmas recess.

The men who are performing best at the present time and therefore have first call on positions are Captain Hasseltine and Spooner, guards, Hendrix, center, and Palmer and Sorenson, forwards. Roberts, Collins, Jones, Ferry, and Davis are also showing up well and putting up a stiff battle for places. Among the freshmen, Franzoni, Hummeston, Saldutti, Cort, and Casey look the best, and at least two or three of these men will probably be given a trial with the varsity in the second semester when freshmen become eligible.

Because of the limited practice facilities in McCullough Gymnasium and the great interest in intra-mural basketball, it will be the policy of Coach Hargreaves to keep the varsity squad small allowing more men to gain experience by playing in intra-mural games and practicing occasionally against the varsity.

The intra-mural league will play a series of 36 games. The league is composed of 9 teams including 8 fraternities and 1 team from the neutrals.

ALUMNI REUNIONS

WE are already hearing quite a bit about reunions for next Commencement. The class of 1902 is planning on a big time for their twenty-fifth anniversary celebration. 1922 is anxious to get up some competition between reunion classes or to interest a block of recent classes to hold a joint reunion with them this year.

There has been considerable agitation for group reunions for several years. Some are convinced that the size of the classes at Middlebury makes single class reunions rather disappointing and feel that there is less importance in "reuning" on each fifth anniversary year than in adopting a reunion plan which would provide for group reunions every few years of the classes which were in college together. Dr. Dale S. Atwood, '13 sometimes known as "Moxie" or "Dale", is probably the chief exponent of this group plan commonly called the "Dix plan". He has been president of the St. Johnsbury Academy Alumni Association in which connection he has had an opportunity to try it out and reports great success. The following excerpts from his letter of December 4 give in his own words a few of his ideas on the subject:

"Walter Cleary was in here the other day and reminded me again of Middlebury alumni and the Dix plan. After he had gone I got to thinking that he is the only member of 1911 whom I have seen for an acquaintance chat since I left college. If we had the Dix plan in vogue at Middlebury, I would stand a good chance once in four years to see a lot of the men in other classes whom I haven't laid eyes on in all these years."

"Here is another argument for the Dix plan. It is always a problem to know what to do to entertain the alumni when they come back. When four classes come back together in a group it is at once possible to reconstruct organizations in some completeness like those which existed when they were in college. Alumni athletic teams would be available to play against the varsity. In the older classes there are the Glee Clubs, men and women's, which would furnish the basis for most desirable entertainment. I find that most men who had anything to do with music in college have been inclined to keep it up to quite an extent after starting out in the world. We could never be able, of course, to revive the famous Volcano Minstrels, and yet a minstrel show of a minor order would be a possibility in certain group reunions."

Everybody whom we have asked about it agrees that if they could come to a reunion of all of the classes with whom they were in college, they would enjoy the experience much more than a reunion of their class alone.

The chief difficulty seems to be getting started. If the whole scheme were to be changed, the plan should doubtless be formally approved at the annual meeting of the Alumni, but why not talk it over and be ready to decide when the matter comes to a vote?

The desire of 1922 to start something in the form of group reunions gives us a fine opportunity to try out a modified "Dix Plan" in June, 1927.

The Freshman P-Rade is Still in Vogue

BILLY FARRELL IS INTERVIEWED

Here He is—on the Job as Usual!

When we meet graduates of the last twenty or twenty-five years and visit about Middlebury people, one of the most frequent inquiries is "How is 'Billy' Farrell?" We have accordingly had one of our reporters secure an interview with Mr. Farrell and will let him tell you about it.

I found Mr. Farrell busily engaged in attending to his duties as Head Janitor of the College, but when he learned that I wanted to talk about the Alumni and old times, he consented to sit down with me and reminisce.

Mr. Farrell, known to all Middlebury students as "Billy," is now completing his thirty-first year of service to the College and is still very active. With the growth and expansion of the College new officers have been appointed and duties changed many times. Conditions too have greatly changed. "Billy" came to Middlebury when the "Cow in the Belfry" stage of development of the American colleges was in flower. At that time student activities were little organized and the boys spent much of their time in playing pranks on the faculty and generally messing up the premises. It fell to the Janitor's lot to discover all things that were out of order and restore them to their proper places early in the morning before time for Chapel or Classes to begin. This duty was not a pleasant one at the time, but "Billy's" associations with the escapades of other years now furnish some of his most amusing recollections.

I wish that I could tell the stories as Mr. Farrell told them to me but mention of some of the incidents may be of interest to some of our alumni readers.

MEMORIES OF OTHER DAYS

"Billy" hands the palm to G. W.—— '04 for having completely outwitted him on one occasion. One morning before Rhetoricals he had made his usual inspection of the Old Chapel and found that the seats appeared to have no fresh varnish applied during the night, the Bible had not been nailed down, and the pulpit on being hurriedly examined appeared to be free from the floor and everything was apparently in apple pie order. When ringing the breakfast bell at 7:30 however, one or two boys were observed to come up and take a peek into the Chapel and chuckle to themselves. "Billy" felt sure that something was wrong but could find nothing out of order. When the Leader of Chapel attempted to move the pulpit for the Rhetorical exercises, however, the secret was revealed, for while the pulpit was not nailed down as it had been upon some occasions and yielded when lifted by the Leader, it came to a sudden stop and this disconcerting action caused the dignified presiding officer to fall with a crash to the floor. W—— '04 is credited with having attached the pulpit by a wire a few feet in length, to the floor, which fact being not easily detected, caused the much desired discomfiture of the member of the faculty who was presiding on that occasion.

It seems that one gentle custom of the time, in case a group of students desired to pay their compliments to some Professor, was to visit his class room during the night and take out all maps and other equipment and burn them. Such an affair was planned for a certain Hallowe'en night by members of the classes of '02 and '03. "Billy" having been detailed to watch the Chapel that night himself averted single handed such a catastrophe, but admits now he was much more scared than the group which he put to flight. While in hiding at the head of the stairs in the Old Chapel, with slouched hat drawn well over his eyes and dark lantern in his hand, he heard in the small wee hours of the night a band of twenty or twenty-five men coming up the stairs. Just as the leaders reached the top he stepped out, opened the slide of his dark lantern and turned the light full on the approaching marauders. Great was the consternation in the ranks and the descent was made so rapidly that many of the now illustrious men (some trustees and faculty members) fell over each other to escape from the building. Although he might not have admitted it then, "Billy" now admits he really was "scared half to death at the time, for fear the crowd might beat him up." Nothing further happened that night, but two weeks later the intended wrecking of the class room was successfully effected.

Much of the "fun" of those days centered around the Old Chapel Bell. Attempts by the college authorities to have the bell in shape to ring before Chapel each morning caused much hectic work on the part of the janitors, for the clapper was repeatedly stolen, the rope detached, and occasionally the bell itself taken from the Belfry. One night when the bell had been taken over to the sand pit west of the College and concealed, its zealous abductors went to bed for a well earned rest, feeling that their labors had been well performed and that there was little chance of the bell being discovered in time to be rung for Chapel. Their tracks were found, however, and the bell quickly traced to its hiding place. Men and horses were secured and the bell was back in place in time to be rung at 7:30 A.M. W—— '02 was suddenly awakened from his peaceful slumber in his Starr Hall room and sleepily remarked to his room mate: "Did we take that bell out or did I just dream that we did?"

One morning "Billy" heard a series of strange noises in the Old Chapel room (which by the way seems to have been the scene of many happenings other than religious services) and looking in the door, discovered his colleague, Mr. H——, scrambling around among the pews vainly trying to capture a well greased pig belonging to one Rafferty who lived near the Campus. S—— '98 is credited with introducing into the Chapel the animal which caused the amusing spectacle.

The breakage of windows was one of the greatest trials of those in charge of the 'maintenance of way' of education in those days, but probably the most effective piece of work performed with one fell swoop is credited to D—— '13. "Billy" had been engaged in setting glass for Starr Hall windows one day and wheeling back from his workshop a wheelbarrow load of windows, he incautiously left his vehicle parked in front of Starr Hall, and D——seeing a rare opportunity dropt a missile from his third floor domicile, thus shattering the whole pile. It was far from funny then but in spite of the wanton damage of property, it has now begun to have a humorous cast.

Then there was the time when some upper classmen put it up to the Freshmen to go out of Chapel ahead of the Sophomores. The Sophomores of that year were greatly discomfited and a furious struggle took place on the stairs just outside of the Old Chapel room. Prof. Wright who had gone into the President's Office came rushing out and found S. B—— '00 with one arm around the post at the head of the stairs and the other arm around the neck of a Freshman who was attempting to escape down the stairs. "Hold on there, Sam", said Prof. Wright. "I am holding on, Professor," said Sam.

Faculty Notes

The work of the "Wig and Pen", the college dramatic club which was so effectively organized by Prof. Frank W. Cady is being carried on most creditably during Prof. Cady's sabbatical leave, by Prof. Wm. N. Morse, a former associate of Dr. Geo. P. Baker in the "47 Work Shop" at Harvard. A number of one act plays have been successfully presented during the fall and the College Play House on Weybridge St. was crowded for the performances on Dec. 14 and 15 of the play "The Lawless" which was written by Prof. Wm. N. Morse and Mrs. Margaret H. Morse. The play was presented by members of the play production course and is regarded as one of the finest pieces of dramatic work which Middlebury has witnessed.

Professor E. C. Bryant of the Middlebury College department of Physics, who is at Cambridge University in England for his sabbatical year, has been asked by Dr. Newall, who is the head of the Cambridge University Observatory, to be a member of the Cambridge University Eclipse Expedition which will go to Aal, Norway, next June to make observations on the coming eclipse. There will be eight others in the expedition, and they will be at Aal for about three weeks previous to the eclipse, setting up and adjusting apparatus. Mrs. Bryant will probably accompany Professor Bryant to Norway.

In the School of Religious Education which has been conducted during the past few months by the four protestant Churches of Middlebury, Dr. A. M. Kline has delivered a series of lectures on the Historical Background of the Bible and Prof. J. S. Kingsley has lectured on the Pedagogics of the Sunday School. This "School of Religious Education" had an enrollment of about 75 and an average attendance of about 50. The lectures and discussions following them created a keen interest in religious problems.

In the work of the Green Mountain Club in developing the "Long Trail", Professors Voter, White, and Harrington have taken a prominent part. Thousands of "hikers" are now enjoying the remarkable scenery of the sky-line path through the Green Mountains and much credit is due the Middlebury section of the Club for their fine work in clearing trails and building cabins.

Prof. Lewis J. Hathway directed a community chorus in the presentation of the oratorio "Messiah" on Sunday Dec. 12. Miss Prudence Fish of the College department of music was one of the principal soloists.

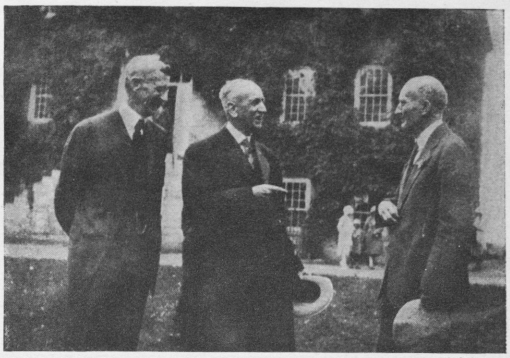
Prof. Charles B. Wright has conducted a Bible class at the Congregational Church during the fall months. His first class was organized in the Congregational Church forty-one years ago.

Prof. Stephen A. Freeman, Dean of the French School, recently addressed the Alliance Francaise of Burlington.

Prof. Charles F. Abbott is a frequent and popular speaker before the League of Women Voters and other Women's Clubs.

Prof. F. C. Thompson has been appointed Director of Religious Education, of the Congregational Church.

Prof. Eugene L. Huet of the French Department is to address the Alliance Francaise of Albany, N. Y., this winter.



Three Makers of History—Still Making It

"VARSITY CLUB" FOR LETTER MEN

ONE of the features of Commencement was the meeting of the Varsity men of the college, both alumni and undergraduates. The meeting consisted of discussions relative to the advisability of organizing a Varsity Club and what work such an organization could do, and also in delegating the work of organizing the club to Coach M. M. Klevenow, he to choose his own committee consisting of alumni and undergraduates. It was felt that Coach Klevenow being in close touch with matters was in a good position to organize the club along desirable lines. The committee which will work with Coach Klevenow has been announced as follows: Alumni, Sanford Lane and Percival Wilds; Undergraduates, the Captains of the major sports for next year, Gordon Wiley, Ted Roberts and Erv Hasseltine.

While not planning on doing too much the first year; the committee feels that at least one and possibly two get-togethers of all men, both alumni and undergraduates, can be held during the next year, possibly one at the time of the U. V. M. game in Middlebury next fall and another at Commencement next June.

The idea back of the whole scheme is to organize into a club the men who have made their letter in one of the four major sports at Middlebury, namely, Football, Basketball, Baseball and Track; to make this club distinctive and the honor of belonging to it a well-deserved one.

The records of those men who have made letters in major sports is not complete, so the committee urges each man who is eligible to join the club to send in the coupon attached to this article properly filled in, to Coach Klevenow at Middlebury, so he can have as complete a record as possible.

The matter of proper insignia has been discussed and Sanford Lane suggested a Panther's Claw in the form of a watch charm. Others suggested a small blockgold "M", also in the form of a charm. There are any number of insignia which can be picked, so be sure to state your choice on the coupon.

VARSITY MEN, get back of this movement and make it one of the biggest and most powerful organs of the college. The men who belong to a Varsity Club are leaders, both in college and the outside world. We need a good wholesome organization which will pull together to put Middlebury Athletics and the Middlebury Varsity Club in the class of the leaders. LET'S GO!

Name.....*Address*.....

Class..... *"M" in*.....

Year..... *Choice for insignia*.....

Suggestions.....

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Return to Coach M. M. Klevenow, Middlebury, Vt.

The annual celebration of Forefather's Day, which has become one of the established institutions of community life in Middlebury, was held in the Congregational Church on the evening of Tuesday, December 21. In accord with the time-honored custom the oration of the day was delivered at the afternoon session which assembled at 5 o'clock in the auditorium of the church. Professor Charles Baker Wright, Emeritus Professor in the Department of English was the orator of the day, taking for his subject "The Great Dynamic."

Supper was served in the vestry of the church at 6 o'clock and was followed by the usual program of music and speaking.

Prof. Harry H. Clark has been invited to offer courses in the Romantic Poets and in American literature at the Summer School of the University of North Carolina. Prof. Clark gave a course in the Romantic Poets at the Bread Loaf Summer School last year, and is giving the same course this year in the college. While at Harvard he was awarded the Bowdoin Prize in English—a prize once held by Ralph Waldo Emerson—for an essay on the early romanticists. Prof. Clark has published essays on such American writers as Philip Freneau, James Russell Lowell, and Herman Melville.

The men's Glee club of Middlebury College has been signed to appear in Symphony Hall, Boston, on February 24, at the annual New England Intercollegiate contest. The club is to sing at Wakefield previous to this date, and plans are now under way for appearances at Springfield and Worcester, Mass.

Middlebury's first concert will probably be held in Rutland early in February.

Dr. M. H. Eddy '60 and Dr. S. S. Eddy '94 recently returned from New Haven, Conn. where they were present at the initiation of Maxon H. Eddy into the Chi Psi Fraternity at Yale University. Dr. M. H. Eddy has been a Chi Psi for 70 years. The two sons of Dr. S. S. Eddy, Stanton Jr. a Senior at Middlebury and Maxon H. a Sophomore at Yale are the third generation of the family to have joined the Chi Psi Fraternity. Dr. M. H. Eddy now in his 94th year is the oldest living graduate of Middlebury.

Professor Sanford, who is now living in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has just purchased a new home at 1875 Park Avenue. He is enjoying life in general and doing some writing on the side.

Mrs. W. W. Eaton, widow of Professor Eaton who was head of the Greek department from 1883 until 1903, has returned to this country from Siena, Italy, where she has lived for the past nineteen years. She arrived in Middlebury before Commencement and spent the summer with her many friends there.

Barbara Smith, '13, of Gardiner, Massachusetts returned in August from an eight months' trip around the world. On her return she represented the Middlebury Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnæ at the national convention held in Berkeley, California from July 28 to August 5.

Mary Archibald, '13, has been broadening her outlook by surveying a few of the historic spots and most of the pleasure resorts of Europe last summer. We are sure that her pupils in the Atlantic City (New Jersey) High School are being inspired by the results of her observations.

"Win" Heath, '21, has completed his course at the Columbia Law School and while qualifying for the New Jersey Bar examinations has entered a law office in Somerville, New Jersey, where he expects to locate permanently. He and his wife (Dorothy Brown, '18) are already enthusiastic boosters for the town and are doing everything from running boys' clubs and coaching plays to helping out in the church choir.

Helen Haugh, '14, spent last summer investigating traffic conditions throughout New England from the Sound to the Canadian border. She established a record for jollying the state police into excusing more infringements of the motor laws than any other Middlebury graduate—except possibly Frances Caswell, '23. Frances has joined the Connecticut colony and is teaching in Danbury.

"Bush" Hedges, '12, as principal of the new Warren Harding High School opened in Bridgeport, Connecticut, a year and a half ago, has adopted the motto of "Rah, rah, let's all pull together and aren't we having a good time." The result has been unusually successful. He has shown his college spirit by placing on his teaching staff the following Middlebury graduates: Justin Ricker, '06, Ruth Hesselgrave, '18, and "Jack" Mead, '20.

Dr. Herbert C. Brokenshire, '20, has been appointed medical missionary in charge of the American Board Hospital at Davao, Philippines.

Marjory Wright Upson, '15, was dashing around campus during Commencement accompanied by her author husband. The Upsons had thoughtfully arranged with the *Saturday Evening Post* to have his life history printed in their current issue so that "Marj" would be spared repeated queries concerning his career. The *Post* also ran one of his stories the week before Commencement and another the following week. Those who met Bill Upson agreed that the photos of him published by the *Post* did him rank injustice. The Upsons have supervised the rebuilding of their cozy home in the country just outside of Norwalk, Connecticut, and now they spend much of their time transporting guests to and from their rural retreat.

Another all-Middlebury baby, Don Alexander Belden, Jr., arrived on July 13. Don, Sr., of the class of 1919, recently resigned from the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company with which he has been connected ever since leaving college, and has become office manager of the Baker McMillan Company of Akron, Ohio. Don and "Tommie" have an attractive colonial cottage at 470 Moreley Avenue; if you drop in there any time outside of banking hours, Phil Ferguson, '16, and his wife can be rounded up in less than five minutes and if it is before eight P. M., they will probably bring with them their two attractive youngsters.

Talking about all Middlebury babies, how about Peter Clift Benedict, born on May 28? Why call him Peter when he might have been named Middlebury so appropriately; for he numbers in his Middlebury ancestry not only both his parents, Dr. A. Palmer Benedict, '17, and Helen Clift, '18, but also two grandfathers, one grandmother, and uncles innumerable. Dr. Benedict is now practising in Fair Haven, Vermont.

A daughter, Barbara, was born on July 22 to Dr. and Mrs. D. Joseph Duggan (Barbara Russell, '19) who live in Wakefield, Massachusetts.